

I support this proposal to modify licensure requirements by removing the Morse Code elements from test requirements. It is more important in today's environment to focus on technical ability and operating practices, than rely on an older (albiet proven) older technology (CW) as a means of demonstrating technical prowess. I do agree that there should be retained a dedicated spectrum (sub-band) where those interested in the use of Morse Code can freely practice this art without infringement by higher bandwidth modulation techniques. Please consider allowing narrow bandwidth modes to co-exist in the same spectrum sub-bands and restricting voice and wider emissions to separate sub-bands. With the elimination of the Morse requirement by WRC and the opening of new license classes (or the merging of existing classes) we can anticipate that this will spur additional interest in the amateur radio hobby, and will result in renewed activity. Please expedite the changes supported so that we are not bogged down by extended periods of time waiting for this long-overdue revision.